

Just prior to his current assignment, Major General Larson was the Assistant Deputy Chief of VA Staff for Logistics and Operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, VA. As such he was activated in November 1996 to be Commander, Logistics Support element—Africa, HQ, Army Materiel Command, in support of Operation guardian Assistance, a humanitarian relief effort for refugees from Rwanda, Zaire, and Uganda.

Major General Larson is a native of Salt Lake City, UT and a graduate of Highland High School. He received his Bachelors Degree in Business Management from Weber State College and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Utah. In his civilian life, Major General Larson is owner and President of Wind River Petroleum. He also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Christensen and Larson Investment Company, President of Wind River Trucking, and is currently serving on the Salt Lake International Airport board of directors. He is married to the former Toni Eskelson of Salt Lake City—also a Highland High School graduate. They have five daughters, two sons, and eight grandchildren.

General Larson is leaving command and the uniform on Saturday, the 24th of March 2001. His uniformed service to the Nation will be greatly missed. However, he will continue to serve his community and family as a business and civic leader and as a father and grandfather. As a nation we should take this opportunity to recognize and honor Major General J. Craig Larson, a true American.●

HONORING MARY HICKEY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly commend the work of Ms. Mary Hickey of Aberdeen, SD, for her over twenty years of outstanding service on behalf of the taxpayers of South Dakota. As an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, Mary has been the absolute model of a public servant and an invaluable asset to my office during the last several years. It is with regret that I announce that she will be leaving South Dakota and moving to Nebraska, where I'm sure she will continue her exemplary service.

Mary began her career with the IRS in 1980 as a Contact Service Representative in Rapid City, SD. She became a Tax Auditor in 1986, and in 1996 she was promoted to Problem Resolution Officer in Aberdeen. During her many years of service to the citizens of South Dakota, she has provided outstanding assistance, helping to make sense of what can often be a complicated federal bureaucracy. On more than one occasion, I've heard my staff raving about the amount of time, commitment, and cooperation Mary put forth to serve and represent the taxpayers of South Dakota.

Mary's accomplishments are numerous. During the last few years, Mary developed new and innovative tech-

niques to aid in the restructuring of the Taxpayer Advocate Service, a project of the IRS' Problem Resolution Office. For all of her outstanding work, Mary has received numerous, well-deserved IRS awards and accolades. Mary also excels in her community, and is active with the United Way of Northeastern South Dakota, having served as the Board Secretary for the past four years. As Board Secretary, Mary participates in oversight of the organization and has helped to raise over \$600,000 annually to support 19 local charities.

It is an honor for me to share Mary's accomplishments with my colleagues and to publicly commend her for serving South Dakota so excellently. Alas, South Dakota's loss is Nebraska's gain and I'm sure she will provide that state with the same outstanding performance she has demonstrated here.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry withdrawals and nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations and withdrawals received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 560. A bill for the relief of Rita Mirembé Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembé); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 561. A bill to provide that the same health insurance premium conversion arrangements afforded to Federal employees be made available to Federal annuitants and members and retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 562. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 563. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require Social Security Administration publications to highlight critical information relating to the future financing shortfalls of the social security program, to

require the Commissioner of Social Security to provide Congress with an annual report on the social security program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 564. A bill to amend section 1713 of title 38, United States Code, to provide continuing eligibility for medical care under that section for individuals who become eligible for hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act by turning 65; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 565. A bill to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 566. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 10 percent individual income tax rate for taxable years beginning in 2001 and a payroll tax credit for those taxpayers who have no income tax liability in 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 567. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gain treatment under section 631(b) of such Code for outright sales of timber by landowners; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on July 18, 2001, for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction.